

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

portion of the tolerance ring; and moving the shaft along the axis of the band into the band, so that the band engages the shaft.

7. (Provisionally withdrawn) A method of assembling an apparatus, comprising: mounting a tolerance ring according to claim 1 on a shaft, the protrusion of the tolerance ring extending radially inward to engage the shaft ; inserting the guide portion of the tolerance ring into a bore in a housing; and moving the shaft and tolerance ring axially into the bore such that the band engages the wall of the bore.

8. (Previously presented) A tolerance ring according to claim 2, wherein the guide portion extends from the whole circumference of the band.

9. (Previously presented) A method of assembling an apparatus comprising: inserting a tolerance ring according to claim 2 in a bore in a housing, the protrusions of the tolerance ring extending radially outward, the protrusions engaging the wall of the bore when the tolerance ring is inserted into the bore; inserting an end of a shaft into the guide portion of the tolerance ring; and moving the shaft along the axis of the band into the band, so that the band engages the shaft.

10. (Previously presented) A method of assembling an apparatus comprising: inserting a tolerance ring according to claim 3 in a bore in a housing, the protrusions of the tolerance ring extending radially outward, the protrusions engaging the wall of the bore when the tolerance ring is inserted into the bore; inserting an end of a shaft into the guide portion of the tolerance ring; and moving the shaft along the axis of the band into the band, so that the band engages the shaft.

11. (Provisionally withdrawn) A method of assembling an apparatus, comprising: mounting a tolerance ring according to claim 2 on a shaft, the protrusion of the tolerance ring extending radially inward to engage the shaft ; inserting the guide portion of the tolerance ring into a bore in a housing; and moving the shaft and tolerance ring axially into the bore such that the band engages the wall of the bore.

12. (Provisionally withdrawn) A method of assembling an apparatus, comprising: mounting a tolerance ring according to claim 3 on a shaft, the protrusion of the tolerance ring extending radially inward to engage the shaft ; inserting the guide portion of the tolerance ring into a bore in a housing; and moving the shaft and tolerance ring axially into the bore such that the band engages the wall of the bore.